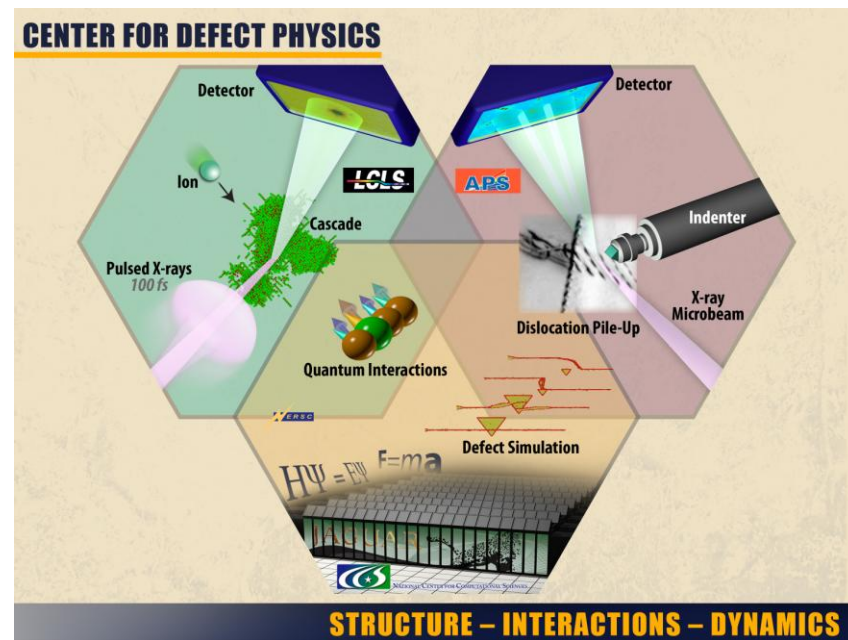


Center for Defect Physics

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Our goal is to provide a fundamental understanding of materials' defects, defect interactions, and defect dynamics, thereby enabling atomistic control and manipulation of defects and the charting of new pathways to the development of improved materials – materials with ultra-high strength, toughness, and radiation resistance.



We deploy first-of-their-kind measurements and *ab initio* quantum calculations of the structure, interactions, and dynamics of defects in structural materials. The Center focuses on three interrelated thrust areas:

- **Fundamental Physics of Defect Formation and Evolution during Irradiation**
- **Fundamental Physics of Defect Interactions during Deformation**
- **Quantum Theory of Defects and their Interactions**